



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Mark A. Burns *et al.***
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Entitled: **Thermal Microvalves**

Group No.: **1743**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir or Madam:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment on the record in response to the above cited Office Action mailed on December 4, 2003. A petition for a one month extension is enclosed. This Preliminary Amendment is in support of the Request For Continued Examination attached hereto.

On page two of this communication please find a status of all claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.21.